

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 17 **An Act Regarding Funding for the Extended Responsibilities of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife** **PUBLIC 112**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RUHLIN PAUL	OTP	

LD 17 proposed that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife submit an annual report to the Legislature that identified all extended responsibility services provided by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to individuals who do not pay any fees for those services. The report proposed to include a cost estimate for those services for separate consideration by the Legislature.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 112 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit an annual report to the Legislature that identifies all extended responsibility services provided by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to individuals who do not pay any fees for those services. The report must include a cost estimate for those services that will be separately considered by the Legislature.

LD 22 **An Act to Designate 2 Weekends When a Person May Fish without a License** **PUBLIC 113**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HALL	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 22 proposed that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife designate 2 "free fishing weekends" each year; one during ice fishing season and one during open water fishing season.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 113 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to designate 2 "free fishing weekends" each year; one during ice fishing season and one during open water fishing season.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HALL	OTP-AM	S-177

LD 26 proposed to clarify that any type of stand, including stands constructed with nails, could be built with landowner permission; proposed to remove the requirement that hunters must have landowner permission to use portable tree stands; and proposed to remove the requirement that all tree stands must be taken down within 10 days of the end of the season.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-177) proposed to remove a provision from the bill that allowed a hunter to erect and use a portable tree stand without the permission of the landowner. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 243 allows tree stands and tree ladders to be constructed with the permission of the landowner.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHEELER G	OTP-AM	H-318

LD 53 proposed to allow a person who killed a deer during the special archery season for deer to hunt and kill a 2nd deer with a firearm during the regular firearm season for deer.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-318) proposed to replace the bill, change the title of the bill and make the bill an emergency.

The amendment proposed to repeal the expanded archery deer hunting season on April 1, 1999, allowing that season to occur only in 1997 and 1998, unless further action is taken by the Legislature.

The amendment also proposed to allow a person 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age to hunt with a bow and arrow during the expanded archery deer hunting season under the existing junior hunting license.

The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 471 amends the expanded archery deer hunting season on created in Part I of PL 1997, c. 24. This law repeals allows that season to occur only in 1997 and 1998, unless further action is taken by the Legislature. It also allows a person 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age to hunt with a bow and arrow during the expanded archery deer hunting season under the existing junior hunting license. This law is effective on June 11, 1997.

LD 68**An Act to Lower the Age for Free Fishing and Hunting Licenses****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LABRECQUE	ONTP	

LD 68 proposed to lower the age for free licenses for hunting, trapping and fishing from 70 to 65 years of age.

LD 81**An Act to Improve the State's Moose Hunt****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PAUL	ONTP	

LD 81 proposed that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife change the moose lottery to give applicants who were unsuccessful in previous lotteries a better chance of winning.

LD 82**An Act to Allow Field Testing of Unregistered Snowmobiles Repaired by Licensed Snowmobile Repair Shops****PUBLIC 451**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AHEARNE	ONTP MAJ	H-99
PARADIS	OTP-AM MIN	S-255 HALL

LD 82 proposed to allow a business that repairs snowmobiles to purchase a license from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that allows the owner of the shop to lawfully field test an unregistered snowmobile repaired by that shop. Operating an unregistered snowmobile for the purpose of field testing repairs is not allowed under current law.

The annual fee for the snowmobile repair shop license was proposed to be set by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in an amount not to exceed \$15, the current annual fee for a snowmobile dealer's license.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-99), the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, proposed to add an appropriation and a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-255) proposed that registration of a snowmobile not be required to field test repairs to a snowmobile if the snowmobile is tested on the premises of the snowmobile repair shop when the snowmobile repair shop is open and the snowmobile is not owned by the snowmobile repair shop or any repair shop employee.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 451 allows a business that repairs snowmobiles to purchase a license from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that allows the owner of the shop to lawfully field test an unregistered snowmobile repaired by that shop.

The annual fee for the snowmobile repair shop license is set by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and may not exceed \$15, the current annual fee for a snowmobile dealer's license.

LD 117 **An Act to Change the Moose Hunting Season** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JONES SL MITCHELL B	ONTP	

LD 117 proposed to set the moose hunting season as the last 6 days in October.

LD 118 **An Act to Provide a Day for Resident Hunters Only at the Opening of the Moose Season** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BELANGER D PARADIS	ONTP	

LD 118 proposed to provide a day for resident hunters only to hunt moose.

LD 123 **An Act to Protect Deer** **P & S 43**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SPEAR RUHLIN	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-97

LD 123 proposed to provide that animal damage control agents need not be under the direction of officials from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife when using snares.

The bill also proposed that at least 50% of the department's animal damage control expenditures be spent to control coyotes and at least 75% of the coyote control money be spent in areas of the State where, in the department's opinion, coyote control will be most effective in rebuilding the deer herd.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-97), the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, replaces the bill. The amendment proposed to transfer \$10,000 in each fiscal year of the upcoming biennium from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's carrying account to that department's Bureau of Resource Management for the purpose of supplementing existing resources budgeted for the control of coyotes.

The amendment also proposed to require that Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by April 1, 1999 on the total expenditures by the department for coyote control and the effectiveness of those expenditures on rebuilding the deer herd.

Enacted law summary

Public and Special Law 1997, chapter 43 transfers \$10,000 in each fiscal year of the upcoming biennium from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's carrying account to that department's Bureau of Resource Management for the purpose of supplementing existing resources budgeted for the control of coyotes.

The amendment also requires that Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by April 1, 1999 on the total expenditures by the department for coyote control and the effectiveness of those expenditures on rebuilding the deer herd.

LD 152	An Act to Create a 3-Person Regional Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council within Each Resource Management Administrative Region	CARRIED OVER
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u> UNDERWOOD		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 152 proposes to reorganize the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council from 10 members based on county representation to 7 members selected from the resource management regions established by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

The bill also proposes to create a 3-member regional council within each resource management region for the purpose of enhancing local input into fisheries and wildlife issues of local and statewide interest. The member of the state advisory council from each region is a member and chair of that region's local council with the other 2 members of a regional council selected by the advisory council. Regional councils are required to hold at least 2 meetings each calendar year and to provide reasonable public notice of each meeting. All members serve without compensation.

The bill also proposes to repeal an existing provision of law granting the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife voting authority for the purpose of breaking a tie. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

LD 155	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Hunting from a Public Paved Way	PUBLIC 116
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FERGUSON		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-80
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LD 155 proposed to repeal the prohibition on hunting within 10 feet of the edge of the pavement on a paved way.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-80) proposed to clarify that the prohibition on hunting from or near a public paved way and possessing a firearm on a paved way apply to public paved roads.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 116 clarifies that the prohibition on hunting from or near a public paved way and possessing a firearm on a paved way applies only to public paved roads.

LD 176	An Act to Reduce Snowmobile Registration Fees for Certain Nonresidents	ONTP
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JONES SL	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 176 proposed to allow the State to charge the resident a resident's snowmobile registration fee to a non-resident if the nonresident owns property in this State and purchased the snowmobile in this State or if the nonresident is a member of snowmobile club in this State.

LD 182	An Act to Give an Antlerless Deer Permit to a Person Who Kills 5 or More Coyotes	INDEF PP
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HALL	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-65
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LD 182 proposed to give an antlerless deer permit to a person who kills 5 coyotes or more in a calendar year by hunting or trapping.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-65), the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, proposed that coyotes be tagged in order to be considered towards an antlerless deer permit and that one ear of a tagged coyote be removed and disposed of in the presence of the tagging agent. A \$1 fee must be paid to the tagging agent, of which 75¢ must be sent by the tagging agent to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The antlerless deer permit provision is offered in 1998 and 1999 and is repealed on December 31, 1999.

LD 183	An Act to Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Provide Transportation Tags with Big Game Hunting Licenses	PUBLIC 463
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HALL	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-187
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LD 183 proposed that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife include deer and bear transportation tags as part of big game hunting licenses issued after October 1, 1997.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-187) proposed that the provisions of the bill be effective for big game hunting licenses issued for calendar year 1998 and thereafter. It also adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 463 requires deer and bear transportation tags to be part of big game hunting licenses issued for calendar year 1998 and thereafter.

LD 191 An Act to Require a Guide for Certain Nonresident Aliens Hunting ONTP
in the State

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AHEARNE PARADIS	ONTP	

LD 191 proposed to require that a nonresident alien be accompanied by a guide while hunting in this State. Persons who fell within this requirement could jointly hire a guide, provided that the total number of clients for any one guide did not exceed 3 persons.

Violation of this requirement is a Class E crime by operation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7901.

LD 203 An Act Regarding Trap-tending Requirements PUBLIC 283

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PAUL HALL	OTP	H-400 PAUL

LD 203 proposed to change the trap-tending requirement for killer-type traps set in organized towns by requiring that these traps be tended at least once every 3 days. This change in the trap-tending laws will not apply to under ice water sets for beaver and muskrat during the winter months. Current law proposed to require that all traps set in organized towns, except under ice water sets for beaver and muskrat, be tended by the trapper at least once in every calendar day. In the unorganized townships, all foothold traps set on land must be tended each day, but killer-type traps and water sets need be visited only once in every 5-day period.

House Amendment "A" (H-400) corrects an error in punctuation.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 283 requires that all traps set in organized towns, except under ice water sets for beaver and muskrat, be tended by the trapper at least once in every calendar day. In the unorganized townships, all foothold traps set on land must be tended each day, but killer-type traps and water sets need be visited only once in every 5-day period. The bill changes the trap-tending requirement for killer-type traps set in organized towns and requires that these traps be tended at least once every 3 days. This change in the trap-tending laws will not apply to under ice water sets for beaver and muskrat during the winter months.

LD 208 **An Act to Limit Personal Watercraft** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RUHLIN	ONTP	

LD 208 proposed to prohibit the use of personal watercraft on waters entirely within the jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission.

LD 210 **An Act to Allow Limited Hunting of Anterless Deer with an Ordinary Hunting License** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LONGLEY	ONTP	

LD 210 proposed that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife designate 3 areas in the State in which a person may lawfully take an anterless deer without a permit during the first 2 weeks of the open season on deer.

LD 225 **An Act to Exempt Watercraft Powered by Electric Motors from Registration Fees** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL	ONTP MAJ	
	OTP-AM MIN	

LD 225 proposed to exempt the owner of a watercraft powered by an electric motor from registration fees.

LD 251 **An Act to Change the Dates of the Moose Hunting Season** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK	ONTP MAJ	
MICHAUD	OTP MIN	

LD 251 proposed to set the moose hunting season as the last 6 days in September.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> STEDMAN MITCHELL B	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-314
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LD 252 proposed that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife establish policies and procedures for the use of fish that the commissioner determines should be destroyed or reduced in population.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-314) proposed to replace the bill and to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife solicit bids prior to issuing a permit allowing a person to completely eliminate a fish population. Bids are encouraged for all other permits allowing the taking of wild fish for the purpose of avoiding injury to game fish.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 255 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to solicit bids prior to issuing a permit allowing a person to completely eliminate a fish population. Bids are encouraged for all other permits allowing the taking of wild fish for the purpose of avoiding injury to game fish.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MACK	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 281 proposed to repeal the law that prohibits hunting wild animals and wild birds on Sunday.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TRIPP	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 283 proposed to repeal the law requiring that each snowmobile be equipped with a brake light.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERKINS	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 337 proposed to amend the twilight hunting law to allow hunting until 15 minutes after sunset.

LD 338	An Act Regarding the Funding of Search and Rescues by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	INDEF PP
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS HALL	OTP-AM	

LD 338 proposed to require that search and rescue efforts conducted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife be specifically budgeted for and paid by the General Fund.

LD 368	An Act to Allow the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Create Lifetime Fishing and Hunting Licenses	CARRIED OVER
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHICK HALL		

LD 368 proposes that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife establish and maintain an endowment fund to allow the issuance of lifetime hunting and fishing licenses. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

LD 369	An Act to Limit the Landowner Deer Permit System to One Application per Household	ONTP
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WINSOR	ONTP	

LD 369 proposed to limit the number of permits issued to such landowners to one permit per household. Current law authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, when issuing antlerless deer permits, to give special consideration to landowners who keep their lands open.

LD 375	An Act to Create a Special Senior Citizen Moose Lottery	ONTP
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY	ONTP	

LD 375 proposed that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife develop a moose lottery system for senior citizens.

LD 377

An Act to Improve Wildlife Habitat

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
RUHLIN

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 377 proposed to allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to enter into a cooperative wildlife management agreement with a person owning land in the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission's jurisdiction that contains a deer wintering habitat

LD 378

An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws as They Pertain to Hunting from a Vehicle

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
RUHLIN

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 378 proposed to allow any person limited by arthritis and similar health conditions to hunt from motor vehicles that are not in motion.

LD 380

An Act to Clarify Maine's All-terrain Vehicle Laws and to Improve Competition between Maine's All-terrain Vehicle Industry and its Out-of-state Competitors

PUBLIC 219

Sponsor(s)
LIBBY

Committee Report
OTP-AM MAJ
ONTP MIN

Amendments Adopted
S-166

LD 380 proposed to remove the requirement that all-terrain vehicles be equipped with brake lights.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-166) proposed to allow new all-terrain vehicles to be sold without brake lights and to allow the operation of all-terrain vehicles without brake lights during daylight hours. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 219 allows new all-terrain vehicles to be sold without brake lights and allows the operation of all-terrain vehicles without brake lights during daylight hours.

LD 395

**An Act Dealing with the Registration of Snowmobiles by
Nonresidents**

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
BENOIT

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 395 proposed to reduce to \$20 the snowmobile registration fee paid by a nonresident who owns real estate in this State.

LD 404

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Snowmobile Registration

PUBLIC 227

Sponsor(s)
KIEFFER
UNDERWOOD

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-175

LD 404 proposed to define an antique snowmobile as a snowmobile more than 25 years old that is primarily used in exhibition, parades and other events of interest to the public and not used primarily for recreational or commercial purposes, to create a one-time registration fee of \$30 for antique snowmobiles and to allow that registration to be transferred to a new owner for a transfer fee of \$10.

The bill also proposed to exempt owners of antique snowmobiles from the requirement that they display their registration numbers on their snowmobile and restrict the reciprocity provisions of law pertaining to snowmobiles to states, provinces and countries sharing a common border with Maine.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-175) proposed to clarify that the antique snowmobile registration applies only to residents and to make the \$30 antique snowmobile registration fee proposed in the bill valid until the ownership of the snowmobile is transferred to another person. Upon the transfer of ownership, the new owner may reregister the snowmobile as an antique snowmobile by paying another \$30 antique snowmobile registration fee.

The amendment also proposed to allocate the antique snowmobile registration fee in the same manner as regular resident snowmobile registration fees are allocated and to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 227 allows a resident of the State to register a snowmobile that is more than 25 years old as an antique snowmobile for a one-time fee of \$30. An antique snowmobile registration allows that machine to be used primarily for exhibition, parades and other events of interest to the public and not for recreational or commercial purposes. This law also exempts owners of antique snowmobiles from the requirement that they display their registration numbers on their snowmobile and restrict the reciprocity provisions of law pertaining to snowmobiles to states, provinces and countries sharing a common border with Maine.

LD 416

An Act to Amend the Definition of Personal Watercraft, to Prohibit the Imprudent Operation of Watercraft on Inland Waters of the State and to Assess the Effectiveness of Industry-sponsored Watercraft Safety Training and Education Programs

PUBLIC 540

Sponsor(s)
KILKELLY

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-768 COMM OF CONF

LD 416 proposed to increase the minimum age from 12 to 16 years of age for operating personal watercraft, to require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to license businesses engaged in the rental of personal watercraft and, after January 1, 1998, to make it unlawful for a person to register or operate a personal watercraft without first completing a personal watercraft safety and education course offered by the department or by qualified individuals or businesses operating under contract with the department.

The bill also proposed to prohibit wake jumping by personal watercraft operators and to require personal watercraft rental agents to affix safety decals to each personal watercraft rental.

Committee of Conference Amendment “A” (H-768) the unanimous report of a Committee of Conference requested by the House of Representatives, proposed to replace the bill and all its amendments. This amendment proposed to update the definition of personal watercraft to include jet propelled vessels less than 14 feet and to create a civil violation for the imprudent operation of a watercraft on inland waters that is enforceable either by a law enforcement officer or by an individual through a private nuisance action. Current law allows any law enforcement officer to enforce fish and wildlife laws.

The amendment also proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to work with personal watercraft distributors, dealers, rental agents and users to promote industry sponsored safety and education programs and to assess the rate of participation and the effectiveness of industry sponsored personal watercraft safety training programs and educational materials. The Commissioner is also required to report to the First Regular Session of the 119th Legislature on the number of prosecutions of this law by law enforcement officers and the number of nuisance actions taken for imprudent operation of watercraft.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 540, the conference committee report, was enacted without change.

LD 425

An Act to Require a Person Applying for a Moose Permit to Possess a Hunting License

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
RUHLIN

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 425 proposed to require that an applicant for a moose hunting permit possess a valid hunting license.

LD 439 **An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Hunting Licenses for Residents 70 Years of Age and Older** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHEELER G	ONTP	

LD 439 proposed to allow residents 70 years of age and older to hunt antlerless deer without a permit.

LD 473 **An Act to Amend Maine's Hunting Laws for Nonresidents** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHICK	ONTP	
KILKELLY		

LD 473 proposed to require that nonresidents be accompanied by a licensed Maine guide while hunting bear prior to the open season on deer.

LD 498 **An Act to Reallocate Environmental Registration License Plate Revenue** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HALL	ONTP MAJ	
	OTP-AM MIN	

LD 498 proposed to redistribute funds that are received through the sale of the environmental registration plates.

LD 519 **An Act to Promote Water Skiing in the State** **PUBLIC 277
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LEMONT	OTP-AM MAJ	H-368
	ONTP MIN	H-388 UNDERWOOD

LD 519 proposed to allow a person to operate a watercraft at a speed greater than headway speed within the water safety zone when participating in water-ski tournaments or practices sanctioned by a national water-skiing association.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-368) proposed to replace the bill and make the bill an emergency.

The amendment proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to permit a water-skiing course within the water safety zone. The water safety zone includes all inland waters within 200 feet of any shoreline of the mainland or an island. Boats using a permitted water-skiing course, either for practice or during an

exhibition, are allowed to operate at greater than headway speed within the water safety zone. The proposed annual fee for a permit is \$25.

The amendment also proposed to require that an applicant obtain the permission of all property owners within 75 feet of any buoy associated with the water-skiing course as a condition of obtaining a permit. The amendment also specifies certain dimensional and other safety requirements that apply to any course permitted by the commissioner.

The amendment also proposed to repeal the permitting authority on March 31, 1999 and to add a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-388) proposed to require that notice must be given to all municipalities that have jurisdiction over a body of water before a permit is issued for a water-skiing course on that body of water.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 277 allows the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue permits for the use and operation of water skiing courses within the 200 foot water safety zone. It is effective on May 27, 1997.

LD 520 An Act to Require the Use of Helmets on Whitewater Rafting Trips ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BULL	ONTP	

LD 520 proposed to require whitewater guides and passengers in a whitewater craft wear a properly fitting protective helmet while on rivers with rapids classified as Class III or higher.

LD 562 An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Moose Hunting ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BENOIT	ONTP	

LD 562 proposed that the open season on moose be from the second Monday in October to the following Saturday and that hunting within 500 yards of a sand or salt shed be prohibited.

LD 580 An Act Relating to the Designation of Species As Endangered or Threatened DIED IN CONCURRENCE

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FISSK	ONTP MAJ	
RAND	OTP MIN	

LD 580 proposed to give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the authority to designate wildlife species as endangered or threatened.

LD 588 An Act to Require Free Access to Waters Stocked with Fish Raised by the State ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK	ONTP MAJ	
MICHAUD	OTP MIN	

LD 588 proposed that fish or fish spawn raised by the State may not be introduced in any inland waters unless free access to the public is available whenever these waters are open to fishing.

LD 610 An Act to Amend the Moose Hunting Permit Laws ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KIEFFER	ONTP	

LD 610 proposed to increase from 1500 to 3000 the number of moose permits that may be issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in calendar years 1998 and 1999.

The bill also proposed to limit eligibility for moose permit applications in 1998 or 1999 only to persons who possess a valid Maine hunting license, if the person is a resident of the State, or a valid Maine big game hunting license, if the person is a nonresident or alien. Persons who are chosen in those years to receive a permit were proposed to be allowed to sell their permit back to the department for a predetermined fee for sale by the department to applicants who were not chosen in the public chance drawing.

LD 611 An Act to Ensure Funding for Snowmobile Law Enforcement Activities PUBLIC 513

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KIEFFER	OTP-AM MAJ	H-756 KERR
UNDERWOOD	OTP-AM MIN	H-766 UNDERWOOD S-270

LD 611 proposed to create a Snowmobile Enforcement Fund in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and require that a certain amount of each resident and nonresident snowmobile registration fee collected by the department is credited to that fund. Resident snowmobile registration fees were proposed to increase from \$20 to \$25 per year and the money used to supplement other appropriations to the Bureau of Warden Service for snowmobile enforcement, safety and educational purposes.

The bill also proposed a one-time transfer of \$42,000 from the department's carrying balances account to reimburse the warden service for snowmobile enforcement expenditures that were in excess of the amount budgeted by the warden service for those purposes in fiscal year 1996-97. If that amount was not sufficient to fully reimburse the warden service for those costs, the bill proposed to authorize the State Controller to transfer additional money from the carrying balances account as necessary to fully reimburse the warden service.

This bill also proposed to require the department to budget for snowmobile enforcement activities at a level not less than the average snowmobile enforcement operations program expenditures in the previous 2 fiscal years.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-270), the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, proposed to strike the provisions in the bill that relate to resident snowmobile registrations and make technical changes to the bill to avoid conflicts with changes enacted earlier in the session by Public Law 1997, chapter 24.

House Amendment "A" (H-766) proposed to remove the emergency preamble and emergency clause and change the date by which the State Controller is required to transfer certain funds.

House Amendment "B" (H-756) proposed to authorize annual transfers from the Carrying Balance program to the General Fund as undedicated revenue.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 513 requires that seven percent of the non-resident snowmobile registration fee be used to supplement other appropriations to the Bureau of Warden Service for snowmobile enforcement, safety and educational purposes.

LD 746 An Act Concerning the Use of Leg Hold Traps for Coyote in the ONTP Unorganized Territory

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK	ONTP MAJ	
KIEFFER	OTP MIN	

LD 746 proposed to require leg hold traps set for coyote in unorganized or deorganized places to be checked at least once every 72 hours. Current law requires those traps to be visited at least once a day.

LD 751 An Act to Outlaw the Use of Eel Pots in Inland Waters CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEDMAN		

LD 751 proposes to prohibit the use of eel pots in inland waters beginning in 1998. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

LD 788 **An Act to Ensure That Permit Requirements are Met before the Sale of Live Fish or Fish Eggs** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHICK KILKELLY	ONTP	

LD 788 proposed to require that a person licensed to sell commercially grown or imported fish that a buyer has the appropriate license or permit for the buyer's intended use of the live fish or fish eggs.

LD 789 **An Act to List Specific Threatened and Endangered Species** **PUBLIC 290**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHICK KILKELLY	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-367

LD 789 proposed to update the current list of state endangered and threatened species.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-367) proposed to add a provision to the bill requiring the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit an annual report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife describing all current and planned programs, activities and rules relating to the conservation of endangered or threatened species. This amendment also proposed to correct a spelling error and to add a fiscal note.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 290 updates the statutory list of endangered and threatened species.

LD 798 **An Act to Protect the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from Unfunded Mandates** **PUBLIC 244**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HALL	OTP-AM	S-176

LD 798 proposed to require that any program or service mandated to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife be paid for by those individuals who use or benefit from the provided service or program.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-176) proposed to change a section number to avoid a conflict with legislation enacted earlier in this legislative session and to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 244 requires that any program or service mandated to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife be paid for by those individuals who use or benefit from the provided service or program.

LD 799 **An Act to Limit the Type of Hunting Equipment Used by Hunters Who Have Already Tagged a Deer** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HALL	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 799 proposed to prohibit a hunter who has already tagged a deer from hunting during an open hunting season on deer by any method other than with a shotgun and bird shot or while possessing any ammunition larger than bird shot unless the hunter is a moose permittee or subpermittee hunting in that hunter's respective zone.

LD 823 **An Act to Amend the Membership of the Maine Tourism Commission** **PUBLIC 268**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY CHICK	OTP-AM	S-186

LD 823 proposed to establish a Maine Outdoor Recreation Council consisting of 13 members representing State Government, business interests and various public interests.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-186) proposed to replace the bill and change the title of the bill. The amendment proposed to add 3 new members to the Maine Tourism Commission to represent the outdoor sporting interests of the State. This amendment also adds a fiscal note.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 268 adds 3 new members to the Maine Tourism Commission to represent the outdoor sporting interests of the State.

LD 831 **An Act to Encourage Registrants of Snowmobiles to Be Members of Snowmobile Clubs** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GREEN	ONTP	

LD 831 proposed to require that owners of snowmobiles who fail to provide satisfactory evidence of membership in a snowmobile club must pay an additional 10% surcharge when registering their snowmobile.

**LD 859 An Act to Exempt Hunters in Elevated Stands from the Blaze
Orange Clothing Requirements ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS	ONTP	
DAGGETT		

LD 859 proposed to exempt hunters in elevated stands from wearing blaze orange while hunting.

**LD 895 An Act to Allow Hunting on the Sunday Following Resident Only
Day ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
UNDERWOOD	ONTP MAJ	
	OTP MIN	

LD 895 proposed to allow resident-only hunting on the Sunday preceding the open season on deer.

**LD 896 An Act Increasing from 12 Hours to 18 Hours the Time Limit for
Registering Deer and Bear PUBLIC 282**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
UNDERWOOD	OTP-AM	H-370

LD 896 proposed to increase to 24 hours the time limit for registering deer.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-370) proposed to change the title of the bill, increase from 12 hours to 18 hours the time limit for registering deer and bear and add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 282 increases from 12 hours to 18 hours the time limit for registering deer and bear.

**LD 925 An Act to Promote Snowmobile Safety by Restricting the Transport
of Alcoholic Beverages to Sleds Pulled by Snowmobiles ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GREEN	ONTP	
DAGGETT		

LD 925 proposed to prohibit the transportation of alcohol on a snowmobile.

LD 950**An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws As They Pertain to Antlerless Deer****PUBLIC 225**Sponsor(s)
POULINCommittee Report
OTP-AMAmendments Adopted
H-317

LD 950 proposed to give a landowner whose land is divided by a road the right to have that landowner's name placed in the lottery drawing for antlerless deer.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-317) proposed that any two or more pieces of land owned by the same person that are open to hunting and that would be contiguous except for being divided by one or more roads are considered contiguous for the purpose of determining that landowner's eligibility for special consideration under the antlerless deer permit program.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 225 states that any two or more pieces of land owned by the same person that are open to hunting and that would be contiguous except for being divided by one or more roads are considered contiguous for the purpose of determining that landowner's eligibility for special consideration under the antlerless deer permit program.

LD 952**An Act to Promote Commercial Aquaculture****ONTP**Sponsor(s)
STEDMANCommittee Report
ONTPAmendments Adopted

LD 952 proposed that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife develop policies and procedures to promote commercial fresh water aquaculture activities and the use of nongame fish species.

LD 958**An Act to Require the State to Recognize Moose Hunting Permits Issued by the Passamaquoddy Tribe****ONTP**Sponsor(s)
MOORECommittee Report
ONTP MAJ
OTP-AM MINAmendments Adopted

LD 958 proposed that tribal subsistence moose hunting permits issued by the Passamaquoddy Tribe to members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe are valid and accepted by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

LD 959 An Act to Allow Handicapped Hunters to Hunt Does without a Permit ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ETNIER	ONTP	

LD 959 proposed to allow physically handicapped resident hunters to hunt antlerless deer or does without a permit or license.

LD 961 An Act to Prohibit the Use of Artificial Devices by Game Wardens for the Purpose of Causing Hunting Violations ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK CATHCART	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 961 proposed to prohibit game wardens from using artificial devices to induce a person to violate any hunting laws.

**LD 993 An Act to Prohibit the Stocking of Alewives in Tripp Pond PUBLIC 440
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
UNDERWOOD HALL	OTP-AM	H-316 H-387 UNDERWOOD

LD 993 proposed to prohibit stocking alewives in Trip Pond in Poland, Maine.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-316) proposed to prohibit the stocking of alewives in Tripp Pond in Poland, in Hogan Pond and Whitney Pond in Oxford, in any waters that drain into those ponds, in the brook that drains those ponds and in the Little Androscoggin River upstream of the Welchville dam. The amendment also proposed to repeal those provisions 90 days after the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature and to add a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-387) proposed to clarify that only those provisions in the committee amendment that prohibit the stocking of alewives in Tripp Pond, Pond Brook and the Little Androscoggin River upstream of the Welchville Dam are repealed 90 days after the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature. The amendment also proposed to clarify that the existing prohibition on stocking alewives in Hogan Pond and Whitney Pond includes waters that drain into or out of those ponds.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 440 prohibits the stocking of alewives in Hogan Pond and Whitney Pond or any waters that drain into or out of those ponds. The law is effective on June 10, 1997.

LD 1051**An Act to Enhance the State's Moose Hunt****PUBLIC 490**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PAUL KILKELLY	OTP-AM	H-151

LD 1051 proposed to increase the maximum number of moose hunting permits to 2000, require that Maine residents purchase a Maine hunting license before entering an application in the moose lottery, allow a subpermittee to be named after the lottery drawing and to direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to change the moose lottery to give applicants who were unsuccessful in previous lotteries a better chance of winning.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-151), the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, proposed to increase the number of moose permits issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in 1998 and subsequent years from 1500 to 2000.

This amendment also adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 490 increases the annual number of moose permits in 1998 and subsequent years from 1500 to 2000.

LD 1098**An Act to Facilitate Implementation of an Automated Hunters' and Anglers' Data Base System for Hunting and Fishing Licenses and Registrations****PUBLIC 137**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHICK KILKELLY	OTP	H-179 CAMERON

LD 1098 proposed to allow efficient issuance of hunting and fishing licenses and registrations through an automated computer system to be available at all inland fisheries and wildlife agent locations.

House Amendment "A" (H-179) was presented on behalf of the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading to correct a spelling error.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 137 authorizes the implementation of an automated computer system at all inland fisheries and wildlife agent locations.

LD 1102 **An Act to Provide Funding for the Enforcement of Snowmobile Laws** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CHICK KILKELLY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1102 proposed to clarify that the increase in nonresident snowmobile registration fees, as enacted by Public Law 1995, chapter 467, must be used by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for enforcement of snowmobile laws by requesting that the nonresident snowmobile registration fee increases are credited to the General Fund and appropriated to Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, General Fund.

The bill proposed to appropriate \$42,000 in fiscal year 1996-97 to reimburse the Bureau of Warden Service for costs incurred for snowmobile enforcement activities that were in excess of the funds appropriated for that purpose in fiscal year 1995-96 and amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7824, subsection 3 so that this appropriation will take place each year.

LD 1111 **An Act to Protect Loons** **PUBLIC 310**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CLEVELAND	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-202
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LD 1111 proposed to prohibit the use and possession after January 1, 1998, of artificial lures and sinkers that contain any lead or zinc and that weigh less than 2 ounces or measure less than one inch along their longest axis.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-202) proposed to replace the bill. The amendment proposed to allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to accept donations of money, goods or services for the purpose of educating the public about the threat to loons and other bird species from discarded or lost lead sinkers and lures.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 310 allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to accept donations of money, goods or services for the purpose of educating the public about the threat to loons and other bird species from discarded or lost lead sinkers and lures.

LD 1129 **An Act to Allow Hunting License Vendors a 3% Fee for Nonresident Hunting Licenses Purchased with Credit Cards** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DEXTER	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1129 proposed to allow clerks or agents who issue hunting licenses to charge an additional fee to nonresidents who use a credit card to purchase those licenses.

LD 1134

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 21 (21.03),
Amendments to License Agent Reporting Requirements, a Major
Substantive Rule of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

**RESOLVE 15
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1134 proposed to authorize Chapter 21, a major substantive rule of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The proposed rule pertained to the licensing and reporting requirements of agents.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1997, chapter 15 authorized the department to adopt the proposed rules as presented. This law is effective on April 18, 1997.

LD 1137

**An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the
Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other
Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to
the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years
Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999**

PUBLIC 24

Sponsor(s)
KERR

Committee Report
OTP-AM MAJ
OTP-AM MIN

Amendments Adopted
H-15
H-73 KERR
H-75 KERR
H-108 KERR

LD 1137 was the Part I budget bill. It did not propose statutory changes to the fish and wildlife laws.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-15) proposed changes to a wide range of state government policy areas, including changes to the fish and wildlife laws.

Part I of Committee Amendment “A” proposed to:

Require that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife be reimbursed for administrative costs of activities performed by the department in support of federal and Other Special Revenue accounts;

Allow residents and nonresidents to purchase additional chances in the moose permit lottery. Residents would retain the right to purchase one chance for \$5 without possessing a hunting license. Residents who possess a valid big game hunting license would be eligible to purchase three chances for \$10 and six chances for \$20. Nonresidents would be eligible to purchase one chance for \$10, two chances for \$20 and six chances of \$40. Nonresidents would not be required to possess a hunting license to purchase an application;

Require an appropriation to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to reimburse the department for administrative costs it incurs in collecting watercraft sales taxes;

Increase annual motorboat registration fees from \$4 to \$6 for a motorboat equipped with a motor of 10 horsepower or less to \$10 for a motorboat equipped with a motor between 10 and 50 horsepower and to \$15 for a motorboat equipped with a motor of greater than 50 horsepower. The amendment also proposed to increase from \$4 to \$20 the annual registration fee for a personal watercraft;

Require an appropriation to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to reimburse the department for administrative costs associated with collection of watercraft registration fees;

Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to subtract the administrative costs it incurs in collecting and distributing snowmobile registration fees and dealer fees before crediting any of that revenue to the Department of Conservation or the General Fund. The amendment proposed to change the distribution formula for specific dollar amounts to percentages of money remaining after the department subtracts its administrative costs;

Require an appropriation to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to reimburse the department for the administrative costs it incurs in collecting and distributing snowmobile taxes;

Increase the annual resident snowmobile registration fee from \$20 to \$25;

Require an appropriation to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to reimburse the department for administrative costs incurred in collecting and distributing all-terrain vehicle registration fees. The amendment proposed to change the distribution formula from specific dollar amounts to percentages;

Require an appropriation to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in each fiscal year to reimburse the department for administrative costs incurred in collecting all-terrain vehicle sales taxes;

Require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to achieve savings of at least \$240,000 in each fiscal year in the biennium in General Fund Personal Services by means that include postponing filling positions in the department that are or that become vacant in the department during the biennium. Any positions to be held vacant to achieve the purposes of this section would be selected by the commissioner. The commissioner would be required to detail the positions affected by this amendment and the savings achieved on a monthly basis; and

Authorize amounts in the Carrying Account to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 1997-98 and fiscal year 1998-99 in an amount equal to the General Fund appropriations to the department in each fiscal year minus the budget revenues of the department in each fiscal year.

House Amendments “FF” (H-73), “HH” (H-75) and “KK” (H-108) did not propose statutory changes to the fish and wildlife laws.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 24 makes the following changes to the fish and wildlife laws.

It requires that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife be reimbursed for administrative costs of activities performed by the department in support of federal and Other Special Revenue accounts.

It allows residents and nonresidents to purchase additional chances in the moose permit lottery. Residents retain the right to purchase one chance for \$5 without possessing a hunting license. Residents who possess a valid big game hunting license are eligible to purchase three chances for \$10 and six chances for \$20. Nonresidents are eligible to

purchase one chance for \$10, two chances for \$20 and six chances of \$40. Nonresidents are not required to possess a hunting license to purchase an application.

It requires an appropriation to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to reimburse the department for administrative costs it incurs in collecting watercraft sales taxes.

It increases annual motorboat registration fees from \$4 to \$6 for a motorboat equipped with a motor of 10 horsepower or less to \$10 for a motorboat equipped with a motor between 10 and 50 horsepower and to \$15 for a motorboat equipped with a motor of greater than 50 horsepower. It also increases from \$4 to \$20 the annual registration fee for a personal watercraft.

It requires an appropriation to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to reimburse the department for administrative costs associated with collection of watercraft registration fees.

It requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to subtract the administrative costs it incurs in collecting and distributing snowmobile registration fees and dealer fees before crediting any of that revenue to the Department of Conservation or the General Fund. It changes the distribution formula for specific dollar amounts to percentages of money remaining after the department subtracts its administrative costs.

It requires an appropriation to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to reimburse the department for the administrative costs it incurs in collecting and distributing snowmobile taxes.

It increases the annual resident snowmobile registration fee from \$20 to \$25.

It requires an appropriation to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to reimburse the department for administrative costs incurred in collecting and distributing all-terrain vehicle registration fees. It changes the distribution formula from specific dollar amounts to percentages.

It requires an appropriation to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in each fiscal year to reimburse the department for administrative costs incurred in collecting all-terrain vehicle sales taxes.

It requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to achieve savings of at least \$240,000 in each fiscal year in the biennium in General Fund Personal Services by means that include postponing filling positions in the department that are or that become vacant in the department during the biennium. Any positions to be held vacant to achieve the purposes of this section must be selected by the commissioner. The commissioner is required to detail the positions affected by this amendment and the savings achieved on a monthly basis.

It authorizes amounts in the Carrying Account to lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 1997-98 and fiscal year 1998-99 in an amount equal to the General Fund appropriations to the department in each fiscal year minus the budget revenues of the department in each fiscal year.

LD 1159

An Act to Open Trapping Season on Saturday

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)
GOODWIN

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 1159 proposes to require that the open season on trapping begin on a Saturday. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

LD 1162 An Act to Clarify the Duties of the Maine Atlantic Salmon Authority CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'NEIL KIEFFER		

LD 1162 proposes to clarify that the Atlantic Salmon Authority has the sole authority to introduce, import, stock and rear or to permit the introduction, importation, stocking and rearing of Atlantic salmon, live or as eggs, into the State or into the inland or coastal waters of the State.

The bill also proposes to establish the Atlantic Salmon Authority as the State's liaison to federal, regional and state authorities on issues pertaining to Atlantic salmon and allows the authority to accept Atlantic salmon, live or as eggs, from hatcheries and commercial aquaculture facilities inside and outside the State if those fish or eggs meet the health and grading standards adopted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

The bill also proposes to prohibit any person, except commercial aquaculture facilities, from importing, transporting, possessing, rearing or stocking Atlantic salmon without a permit issued by the authority. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

LD 1186 An Act to Ensure Hunting Safety ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVAGE	ONTP	

LD 1186 proposed to prohibit hunting after 2 p.m. on Halloween.

LD 1247 An Act to Require Reflectors on Ice Fishing Shacks ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PENDLETON R	ONTP	

LD 1247 proposed to require that ice fishing shacks on inland and coastal waters have reflectors or reflecting tape affixed to each side of the shack at least three feet above the ice. Rental ice fishing shacks equipped with electricity were proposed to be exempted from this requirement.

LD 1248 **An Act to Permit the Hunting of Birds on Sundays during a Specified Open Hunting Season** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP KILKELLY	ONTP	

LD 1248 proposed to allow the hunting of partridge and migratory game birds, including waterfowl, from the 5th Monday preceding Thanksgiving to November 30th, including Sundays. The bill also proposed to allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, as well as the Governor, to close certain sections of the State to hunting.

LD 1262 **An Act to Require Game Wardens, Biologists and State Officials to Wear Blaze Orange during Deer Hunting Season** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
UNDERWOOD	ONTP	

LD 1262 proposed to require game wardens and certain other state officials to wear hunter orange if they are in the woods during deer season acting in an official capacity and not participating in an undercover activity.

LD 1284 **An Act to Preserve Inland and Coastal Waters and Beaches** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PENDLETON R	ONTP	

LD 1284 proposed to prohibit the operation of a personal watercraft within an area marked or buoyed for swimming, prohibit the launching of a personal watercraft from a public beach and to establish regulations governing the use and operation of certain vessels in or near areas along the coast.

LD 1289 **An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws As They Pertain to Proof of Prior Hunting License in Order to Be Exempt from Taking a Hunter Safety Course** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RUHLIN CLARK	ONTP	

LD 1289 proposed to recognize a prior hunting license, regardless of the year issued, as proof of competency for the purpose of obtaining a Maine license.

LD 1310 An Act to Encourage Hunting by Nonresidents ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODWIN	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1310 proposed to make changes to certain resident and nonresident hunting licenses beginning in 1998, to establish the month of November as the open season on deer and to allow Sunday hunting season during that month.

LD 1426 An Act to Amend the Deer and Moose Hunting Laws ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BUTLAND	ONTP	

LD 1426 proposed to allow people suffering from disabling heart or respiratory problems to hunt from motor vehicles that are not in motion and to ensure that antlerless deer permits are issued to applicants who are physically disabled or who hold a junior hunting license. The bill also proposed to require that a person be at least 15 years of age to be eligible to participate in the moose lottery and that at least five moose permits in each area open to moose hunting are reserved for applicants who are 70 years of age or older. The bill also proposed to ensure that a person with a physical disability is allowed to use a motor of two horsepower or less on a water body that otherwise is closed to the use of motors.

LD 1464 An Act Relating to Whitewater Rafting Allocations ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DEXTER	ONTP	

LD 1464 proposed to amend the procedure application and award procedures for whitewater rafting allocations.

**LD 1469 An Act to Increase the Number of Allocated Commercial ONTP
Whitewater Rafting Trips on the Kennebec River**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLS	ONTP	

LD 1469 proposed to increase the commercial whitewater rafting recreational use limits on the Kennebec River on Saturdays from 800 commercial passengers to 1000.

LD 1479 **An Act to Decriminalize Various Fish and Game Violations and Enhance Collectibility of Associated Penalties** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLS		

LD 1479 proposes to revise the responsibilities of game wardens by allowing them to take cash or credit card payments for bail in any location when an arrest is made. The bill proposes that game wardens making arrests in Cumberland County may take the defendant to any District Court serving Cumberland County, rather than being limited to the closest court. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

LD 1546 **An Act to Require That an Adult Accompany Youths Attending Hunter Safety Programs** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
USHER KILKELLY	ONTP	

LD 1546 proposed to require that adults accompany minors who attend a hunter safety course.

LD 1564 **An Act Allowing People with Disabilities to Use Open-face Fishing Rods in Fly-fishing Only Waters** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLEVELAND	ONTP	

LD 1564 proposed to allow a person who is not able to use a fly rod due to a physical disability to fish in fly-fishing only waters using a rod and reel with a single line and fly.

LD 1588 **An Act Concerning Rabbit Hunting with Dogs** **PUBLIC 280**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 1588 proposed to allow rabbit hunting with dogs during the open firearm season on deer.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 280 permits rabbit hunting with dogs during the open firearm season on deer.

Sponsor(s)
KILKELLY
PAUL

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-619 POULIN
H-659 BELANGER D
H-744 UNDERWOOD
S-281

LD 1604, the “Omnibus” bill of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, proposed to:

1. Amend the definition of "firearm."
2. Add a definition of "fishway" consistent with the Department of Marine Resources' definition.
3. Add "wild animal hybrids," "wild bird hybrids" and "domestic animals" to the definition of "hunt" and the provisions on closed season for hunting.
4. Clarify that firearms of any type including muzzle-loading firearms and archery equipment are subject to specific provisions of law regarding hunting without a license, hunting while intoxicated and hunting on Sunday.
5. Amend the definition of "weir."
6. Allow the department to recover costs incurred for search and rescue operations that are initiated under false reports.
7. Allow the department to use revenue generated from selling advertising space in its law books to help cover the cost of printing the books.
8. Provide for reimbursement to the Bureau of Warden Service's personal services account for services rendered to federal agencies. Revenues received must be allocated for the purpose of funding the cost of providing the services.
9. Remove outdated language and replaces it with language that is consistent with all-terrain vehicle laws in regard to other law enforcement officers enforcing snowmobile, airmobile and all-terrain vehicle laws.
10. Amend laws governing complimentary licenses for the blind, paraplegic, resident disabled war veterans, mentally retarded and resident disabled veterans to make them valid for the life of the license holder, as long as they continue to meet residency requirements.
11. Give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the authority to require that a person whose license has been revoked or suspended complete a course on outdoor ethics scheduled by the Bureau of Warden Service.
12. Amend the law governing licenses for nonresident junior hunters.
13. Clarify that the commissioner has authority to establish the muzzle-loading season.

14. Make it illegal for a licensed bait dealer to possess any species of fish that is not legal to be sold as bait and makes it possible for biologists, acting as agents of the commissioner, to inspect bait dealer shops.
15. Make it illegal for a person holding a live bait retailer's license or a smelt wholesaler's license to obtain live smelts for resale from a person who is not licensed to deal in live smelts. It also requires a person holding a smelt wholesaler's license to have and use a number 14 fish grader during the winter months while engaged in the taking of live smelts and to immediately liberate undersized smelts alive into the waters from which they were taken.
16. Clarify the difference between a license to cultivate fish and a license to harvest fish in private ponds.
17. Enact a new section of law dealing with the transportation of live fish for breeding and advertising purposes.
18. Remove live fish from the section of law dealing with transportation for breeding and advertising purposes.
19. Require that, effective January 1, 1998, any person who has not renewed that person's guide license for five consecutive years must be reexamined.
20. Correct a reference to the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Guides.
21. Allow a licensed taxidermist to purchase heads and hides of wild animals by virtue of the taxidermist license.
22. Make the examination fee and process for whitewater guides consistent with those of regular guides. It also clarifies the three-year license for whitewater guides.
23. Amend the laws governing fishing for cusk and hornpout.
24. Repeal the requirement that tree ladders and stands be removed within 10 days after the close of the hunting season for which the ladder or stand was erected.
25. Make it unlawful to possess a wild animal or wild bird taken while Sunday hunting, to discharge a firearm too close to a dwelling, to abuse another person's property, to use or possess a prohibited implement or to trespass on another person's property.
26. Clarify that anyone hunting during any firearm season on deer is required to wear two articles of hunter orange clothing.
27. Remove superfluous language from the laws regarding failure to report a hunting accident.
28. Amend the laws regarding the placing of bear bait to provide that they also apply to the trapping of bears.
29. Change the amount of time a person has to register a bear from 12 hours to 18 hours.
30. Repeal the prohibition on nonresidents trapping beaver.
31. Give the commissioner the authority to establish fees for implementing special hunting seasons in areas where the wildlife population is causing problems.

32. Give the commissioner the authority to adopt rules to implement a landowner permit system for turkey hunting.
33. Repeal the prohibition against introducing fish or fish spawn raised by the department in a private pond.
34. Require that baitfish traps be checked at least once in every seven calendar days rather than three days.
35. Amend the laws regarding fishing with illegal devices.
36. Repeal the provision regarding the illegal use of hellgramites.
37. Provide for the removal of ice shacks prior to the close of the ice fishing season.
38. Repeal the provision allowing the use of the eggs of Atlantic sea run salmon and landlocked salmon for bait.
39. Repeal a provision regarding the authority of the commissioner to permit the taking of fish to protect other fish.
40. Give the commissioner authority to collect a \$1 fee for issuance of registrations by department employees.
41. Clarify the laws governing operating a snowmobile to endanger.
42. Require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to charge a fee of \$1 in addition to the annual fee for each all-terrain vehicle registration issued by an employee of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.
43. Clarify the age requirements for all-terrain vehicle operation.
44. Make technical changes in format to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7901, subsection 2.
45. Make reckless operation of a snowmobile, watercraft or all-terrain vehicle a Class D crime in order to conform to the Maine Criminal Code in which reckless conduct under Title 17-A, section 211 is a Class D crime.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-281) proposed to:

1. Remove sections from the bill that pertained to the definitions of firearm and hunting, hunting domestic animals, hunting without hunter orange clothing, tree ladders, registering bear, trapping beaver, turkey hunting, the taking of pickerel and perch, stocking department fish in private ponds, registering watercraft and penalties for certain hunting violations;
2. Add a provision to the search and rescue powers of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that allows the commissioner to recover search and rescue costs from the person for whom the search was conducted or from a person who knowingly gives out false information that leads to a search or rescue attempt;
3. Make the Saturday and Sunday during Father's Day weekend and the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding President's Day "free fishing days";
4. Clarify the complimentary hunting and fishing licenses that are available to resident disabled veterans;
5. Require a person who violates a fish and wildlife law that carries a mandatory license suspension to complete an outdoor ethics course before having that license returned;
6. Repeal the provision that prohibits more than two shooting ranges in one county;

7. Clarify the licensing requirements for a person who wishes to operate a private pond for fishing;
8. Require that a person who applies for a Maine guide license or a whitewater guide license take an examination if that person has not held that license within the previous three years;
9. Clarify that a person give notice to a game warden in the event of a hunting accident or, in the event that the game warden can not be contacted, to the law enforcement officer nearest the place where the event occurred;
10. Establishes a point system for the moose lottery that gives a person one point for each consecutive year in which that person purchases a moose lottery application but is not selected to receive a permit;
11. Require ice shacks to be removed from the ice by March 15th in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Hancock, Kennebec, Lincoln, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Waldo and York counties;
12. Allow commercially prepared fish eggs from species that do not naturally occur in Maine to be used for bait;
13. Clarify what constitutes operating a snowmobile to endanger;
14. Creates an 11-member Commission to Study the Stocking of Alewives; and
15. Add an appropriation section, an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-619) proposed to retain the current law regarding ice shacks.

House Amendment "A" (H-659) proposed to clarify that the definition of hunting equipment includes only that equipment that is permitted under the hunting laws.

House Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-744) proposed to require that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife do the Alewife study during the interim and report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 432 incorporates the changes described above in the adopted amendments.

LD 1611

An Act to Amend Snowmobile Registration Fees and Promote Snowmobile Club Participation

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BELANGER D	ONTP MAJ	
PARADIS	OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1611 proposed to make the annual snowmobile registration fee \$35 for both residents and nonresidents, removing the current dual fee structure. It also proposed to provide a \$10 discount on the registration fee for members of a snowmobile club recognized and approved by an incorporated statewide snowmobile association,

such as the Maine Snowmobile Association, and allocates \$10 of the \$35 registration fee for nonmembers of such a club to an incorporated statewide snowmobile association, such as the Maine Snowmobile Association. The bill also proposed to exempt residents of New Brunswick, Quebec and New Hampshire from having to register snowmobiles in this State if they have registered the snowmobiles in their home states or provinces.

LD 1704

An Act to Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to File Monthly Revenue Reports

PUBLIC 312

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
UNDERWOOD	OTP MAJ	
	ONTP MIN	

LD 1704 proposed to require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit a monthly report of revenues and expenditures to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 312 requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit a monthly report of revenues and expenditures to each member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters.

LD 1736

An Act to Register New Property for the Thorncrag Bird Sanctuary with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

PUBLIC 288

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LEMAIRE	OTP	
CATHCART		

LD 1736 proposed to add the description of land recently acquired by the Thorncrag Bird Sanctuary to the statutory description of that bird sanctuary.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 288 adds the description of land recently acquired by the Thorncrag Bird Sanctuary to the statutory description of that bird sanctuary.

LD 1801

An Act to Adopt Long-range Changes in the Methods by Which Whitewater Rafting Trips Are Allocated among Licensees

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLS		

LD 1801 proposes to amend the commercial whitewater rafting laws in the following manner.

1. Setting a recreational use limit for commercial passengers on the Kennebec River of 1000 per day, effectively increasing the number of passengers allowed on Saturdays from 800 to 1000 passengers. These 200 new allocations must be auctioned by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by December 1, 1997 and the proceeds distributed equally between the General Fund and the department.
2. Requiring the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to designate certain unallocated days during which an outfitter may carry up to 120 passengers per unallocated day.
3. Establishing a limit of 240 passengers per day on the Dead River for an outfitter.
4. Repealing the five-year term for awarded allocations and specifies that the department may suspend, revoke or reduce the number of allocations when the department determines it is advisable to do so for better management or protection of public safety and welfare. The department may also suspend or revoke the allocations of an outfitter who fails to meet certain specified requirements.
5. Repealing the current allocation procedures and the requirement that the department allocate the right to conduct whitewater trips, instead giving the department the discretion to make allocations. Allocations may be transferred between outfitters subject to approval by the department. An outfitter is required to submit reports to the department documenting river use.

The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Enacted

None

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